(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons for such demolition;

(c) whether there was a demand to declare these barracks as a National Monument; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) No, Sir. Only the roofs of some of the buildings collapsed in March 1987. These have been repaired and brought to their original shape in February, 1988.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In view of the fact that a large number of Defence establishments are located therein, it has not been possible to accede to this request.

Cancellation of visit of the Foreign Secretary to Islamabad

*326. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Foreign Secretary was scheduled to leave for Islamabad for talks on the Afghanistan issue;

(b) if so, whether the visit has since been cancelled/postponed; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Pakistan Government stated that both its Foreign Minister and Foreign Secretary would be out of the country. At the request of that Government, therefore, the visit did not take place as scheduled.

Comprehensive Package Measures for Agriculture

@*327. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering comprehensive package measures for giving a new thrust to agriculture in the remaining two years of the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) A Task Force under the Member Incharge, Agriculture, Planning Commission has formulated a Framework Action Plan for achieving foodgrains production level of at least 175 million tonnes by the end of the 7th Five Year Plan. The Framework Action Plan adopt a selective approach for districts having potential for higher production which can be realised in the short period. Thus, a total of 169 districts in 14 states are to be taken up in respect of the five foodgrains crops of rice, wheat, maize, gram and arhar. The strategy frame of the Action Plan envisages the identification of production constraints operating in the selected districts and the measures require to remove them. The resources required for this purpose are to come from the existing provisions available under ongoing schemes and programmes with marginal increases, where critically necessary, for removing a specific constraint within the limited time frame of two years. Detailed district-wise Action Plans are to be framed by the State Governments to be operationlised from Kharif, 1988. At the Central level nodal responsibility for implementing the Frame Work Action Plan

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